

Wisconsin Home for Veterans
113 Wright Avenue (House)
King
Waupaca County
Wisconsin

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Location: 113 Wright Avenue, King, Waupaca County, Wisconsin.

Significance: The cottage at 113 Wright Avenue is significant because it architecturally and historically contributes to the Veterans Cottages Historic District, a historic district that is part of the Historic Resources of the Wisconsin Veterans Home, listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. For a more detailed discussion of the significance of the resources discussed in this report, see page 1 of the overview history narrative.

Description: This cottage is a one-story rectangular building with a gable roof, green asphalt shingles, a rock-face concrete block foundation, an enclosed front porch and a side entry enclosure that projects off the south wall. The building measures 14 feet, 5 inches on the front and back walls, and 39 feet, 6 inches on the side walls. The front porch is 14 feet, 2 1/2 inches wide. The side enclosure is 7 feet, 4 inches long and 4 feet, 4 inches wide. The house is covered with clapboard siding, except for the side door enclosure, which is covered with asbestos shingles, and the front gable is covered in wood shingles in a wavy pattern. Windows are single-light double-hung sashes decorated with thin cornice lintels. The windows in the enclosed front porch are the same. (See photographs WI-323-A-1 and WI-323-A-2)

A wooden door with two round arched lights leads to the interior of the cottage. The front room is a living room with a large closet. Behind the living room is the bedroom, and behind the bedroom is a kitchen, toilet room, and shower room. The kitchen cabinets have plain painted wood doors and drawer fronts with simple metal hardware. The flooring is oak and the wall and ceiling finishes are plaster. The wood paneled interior doors have simple brass doorknobs, plates, and hinges. The trim around the doors and windows consists of wide wood moldings painted white. There are steam radiators bringing the heat from the central heating plant. There are standard overhead lighting fixtures in the rooms, and standard plumbing fixtures in the kitchen, toilet, and bathroom. Used as housing for married couples for much of the twentieth century, this cottage is currently vacant.

History: This cottage was built around 1900. There are no plans or drawings that indicate it was designed by an architect; rather, it was simply a vernacular, functional cottage plan used for married couple housing at the Veterans Home. For additional information about the history and architecture of this and all cottages and staff residences at the Wisconsin Home for Veterans Complex, see pages 3-12 of the overview history and architecture narrative.

Sources: Sources for the information in this individual structure narrative are the same as those listed in the overview narrative on page 16.

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